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SUBJECT: MINISTER CHANG'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. VISIT OF MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CHANG YIE
JOON TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK SEEMED TO HAVE GONE
WELL. ROKG EMBOFFS TOLD US CHANG PLEASED WITH VISIT,
PARTICULARLY BY CORDIAL DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY KREPS.

2. IN WASHINGTON CALLS MINISTER CHANG MADE LOW-KEY PITCH
DESCRIBING ROK PURCHASING MISSION, IMPORTANCE OF TRADE TO
ROK, AND RELATION OF ECONOMY TO SECURITY, ASKING ONLY THAT
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U.S. KEEP SPECIAL ROK CONDITIONS AND U.S.-ROK RELATIONSHIP
IN MIND IN MAKING TRADE DECISIONS. HE ALSO ASKED FOR
SPECIAL U.S. CONSIDERATION ON NEXT YEAR'S FISHERIES
ALLOCATIONS IN CALLS ON SECRETARY KREPS AND UNDER SECRETARY
COOPER.

3. IN CALL ON SECRETARY KREPS, MINISTER PRAISED

PRESIDENT'S DECISION IN FOOTWEAR CASE AS DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. CONCERN WITH LIBERALIZED TRADE. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT PRESIDENTIAL DECISION MEANT TO SEND SIGNAL TO REST OF WORLD ON FREE TRADE, AND WE HOPED MAY SUMMIT MEETING WOULD GIVE US RETURN SIGNAL. SECRETARY NOTED UNUSUAL ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN ROK AND EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH ROK PURCHASING

MISSION. COMMERCE SIDE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RECENT KOREAN MOVES TO LIBERALIZE ITS TRADE WOULD CONTINUE. IMPORTANCE OF OMA'S ALSO NOTED AND CHANG RESPONDED HE WELL UNDERSTOOD POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS AND WOULD COOPERATE WITH PRESIDENT'S DECISION. SECRETARY TOOK NOTE OF KOREAN FISHERIES PROBLEM.

4. IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY KREPS' INVITATION FOR EIGHTH COMMERCE MINISTERS MEETING, MINISTER CHANG SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS STRICT RULE TO ALTERNATE SITES FOR MEETING, AND INVITED SECRETARY TO SEOUL. THE SECRETARY INDICATED A SEOUL MEETING MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. IT WAS AGREED RESPECTIVE STAFFS WOULD WORK OUT TIMING AND SITE FOR MINISTERIAL.

5. IN CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY COOPER, CHANG RAISED SAME ISSUES, BUT ALSO NOTED THAT IF JAPANESE DID NOT SOON RATIFY GOJ-ROKG JOINT SHELF AGREEMENT, SEOUL WAS PREPARED TO HAVE U.S. COMPANES BEGIN EXPLORATIONS IN AREA UNILATERALLY. HE HOPED USG WOULD NOT "STAND IN THE WAY" OF SUCH OPERATIONS. UNDER SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD EXAMINE PROBLEM. HE ALSO ASSURED CHANG WE INTENDED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GIVE KOREA AS GENEROUS A FISH ALLOCATION AS LAW ALLOWED.

6. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH DEPUTY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY JOHN WHITE AND UNDER SECRETARY SOLOMON CHANG RAISED CCC FUNDING, ASKING THAT WE NOT MAKE DRASTIC REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF COTTON FINANCED BY CCC. BOTH RESPONDED THEY WOULD EXAMINE QUESTION.

7. CHANG ALSO POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED EX-IM FINANCING TO KOREA IN DISCUSSION WITH MR. SOLOMON. UNDER SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE UNDERTAKING REVIEW OF GLOBAL EX-IM POLICY, BUT THAT HE KNEW OF NO REASON WHY LENDING TO KOREA SHOULD NOT CONTINUE, ALTHOUGH HE CAUTIONED THAT FINANCING OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANS WERE SPECIAL PROBLEM ALSO UNDER REVIEW. MR. SOLOMON ALSO EMPHASIZED U.S. COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE AND SAID USG WOULD ATTEMPT TO RESIST PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES AND KEEP RESTRAINTS ON TRADE TO MINIMUM POSSIBLE.

8. IN DISCUSSION WITH STR STRAUSS, MINISTER CHANG SAID HE HAD HEARD PRESIDENT'S FOOTWEAR DECISION JUST BEFORE LEAVING KOREA. HE THEREFORE NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF OMA, BUT ROKG WOULD COOPERATE AND HE WOULD WELCOME STR TEAM IN SEOUL FOR NEGOTIATION OF OMA.

9. IN NEW YORK MINISTER'S VISIT CAME TOGETHER WITH THAT OF EPB TEAM HEADED BY KIM JAE IK AND PURCHASING

MISSION. KIM BRIEFED ABOUT 70 MEMBERS OF U.S.-KOREA ECONOMIC COUNCIL ON FOURTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN IN MORNING SEMINAR. SEMINAR INCLUDED BRIEF PRESENTATION ON U.S. TRADE POLICY BY DEPTOFF (TEXT BEING POUCHED) AND DISCUSSION BY CHEMICAL BANK OFFICER OF KOREAN ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL MARKETS. FOLLOWING LUNCH ATTENDED BY ABOUT 140, MINISTER CHANG SPOKE ON FOURTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. INVESTMENT. SPEECH INCLUDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROKG COMMITMENT TO LIBERALIZED TRADE. EPB PRESENTATION WELL HANDLED BY KIM AND U.S. BANK OFFICIAL SAID EPB DISCUSSION HAD ALSO BEEN WELL RECEIVED PRECEDING DAY AT ASIA SOCIETY MEETING. KIM ALSO SAID DECISION HAD BEEN MADE IN PRINCIPLE FOR TRADE LIBERALIZATION.

10. WHILE THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON OF INDIVIDUAL COMPANY PROBLEMS (DUPONT, AMOCO, GREYHOUND, ETC.), CHANG GAVE TIME DURING NEW YORK VISIT FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME COMPANY REPS. WE DO NOT YET HAVE ANY READ OUT OF RESULTS FROM COMPANIES. CHRISTOPHER

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